

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Manjiro Nakahama was born in Tosashimizu, Japan in 1827; and

WHEREAS: Manjiro Nakahama was a fisherman who was swept out to sea in a storm in 1841, and shipwrecked on the uninhabited island of Tori Shima; and

WHEREAS: Fairhaven resident Captain William H. Whitfield rescued Manjiro Nakahama and his companions nearly six months later with his whaleship the *John Howland*; and

WHEREAS: Manjiro Nakahama returned to America in 1843 with Captain Whitfield, established a lifelong friendship with the Whitfield family, and became the first Japanese person to live in America; and

WHEREAS: Manjiro Nakahama returned to Japan in the 1850s, rose to prominence, and was a valuable diplomat between Japan and the United States; and

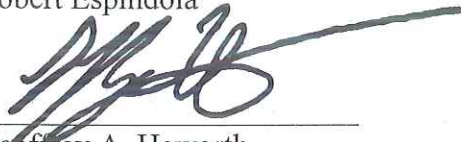
WHEREAS: The citizens of the Town of Fairhaven and the citizens of Tosashimizu, Japan, celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Fairhaven/New Bedford-Tosashimizu Sister City Agreement, which was established in 1987 to continue the friendship established that day in 1841 when Manjiro met Captain Whitfield.

Therefore, we, Robert Espindola, Geoffrey A. Haworth, and Charles Murphy, Sr., the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Fairhaven, join the City of Tosashimizu in celebrating the 27th anniversary of the **FAIRHAVEN/NEW BEDFORD-TOSASHIMIZU SISTER CITY AGREEMENT**.

Given under our hands and seal
this twenty-first day of October in
the year two thousand and fourteen.



Robert Espindola



Geoffrey A. Haworth



Charles Murphy, Sr.

